



RODENT ABATEMENT DECLARATION

I, _____, have read and hereby certify
That I will comply with Sections 9.04.010 through 9.04.050 of the Kirkland Municipal Code at
The following project location:

Property Owner Name

Project Address

Permit Number

Signature (Required Owner or Contractor)

Date

Chapter 9.04 RODENT CONTROL

9.04.010 Chapter purpose.

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9.04.010 Chapter purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to protect the public health and safety and prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases by rats, mice, and other rodents. (Ord. 3873 § 2 (part), 2002)

9.04.020 Duty to keep buildings and premises free of rodents—Right of entry for inspection.

The owner or occupant of real property shall keep all buildings and premises free from rats, mice and other rodents, to the extent reasonably possible, as determined by the building official. A property owner or occupant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that rats, mice or other rodents do not come into contact with food, food products, goods or merchandise. Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory constraints on entry, the building official or his appointed

representative shall be permitted access to property or buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of rats, mice and other rodents. (Ord. 3873 § 2 (part), 2002)

9.04.030 Duty to eradicate rodent infestation.

If rat, mice or other rodent infestation occurs, a property owner or occupant shall take all necessary measures to eradicate the infestation and prevent future infestation. In addition, the owner or occupant of the property shall perform all eradication measures as reasonably required by the building official. The provisions of this section shall not apply to wetlands, unimproved parks, greenbelts or other unimproved property if the property owner or occupant has not committed any acts or omissions that increase the likelihood of rat, mice or other rodent infestation. (Ord. 3873 § 2 (part), 2002)

9.04.040 Rat baiting.

All applicants for a demolition or a land surface modification permit and those persons undertaking a land clearing project shall initiate a rat baiting program on the project site at least fifteen days prior to the start of demolition, clearing or land surface modification activity. The baiting program must continue at least until the project begins, however, no demolition, clearing or land surface modification work shall commence until all significant rat activity has been abated even if it has been fifteen or more days since the initiation of the rat baiting program, unless approved by the building official. The rat baiting program shall be approved by a qualified pest control agent and be consistent with the Seattle-King County Health Department guidelines and recommendations for rat baiting. The use of any pesticides shall fully comply with WAC 162-28-1380. The building official shall not issue or deliver any demolition or land surface modification permit, nor shall any land clearing begin, until the applicant has filed with the city a copy of the rat baiting program and a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that the requirements of this section have been complied with. The rat baiting program may be terminated at any time, due to the lack of rat activity, upon a written recommendation of the pest control agent or upon approval of the building official, however, the program must be reinstated upon discovery of additional rat activity by the pest control agent or the building official and all work may be required to be stopped until the additional rat activity has been abated as determined in writing by the pest control or upon approval of the building official. At the discretion of the building official, a project unlikely to disturb a nesting place of rats may be exempted from the requirements of this section. (Ord. 4053 § 1, 2006; Ord. 3873 § 2 (part), 2002)

9.04.050 Violations of this chapter.

The building official is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce this chapter. Violation of this chapter constitutes a misdemeanor. Violation of this chapter also constitutes a public nuisance which may be abated or remediated pursuant to Chapter 11.24 of the Kirkland Municipal Code. The remedies prescribed in this chapter are in addition to all other remedies provided for or authorized by law. (Ord. 3873 § 2 (part), 2002)